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CURIE (Marie).

400 1. A.L.s., 4 pp. 12 mo; Paris, 22 May 1922. To Mrs. Vernon Kellogg.

275 2. A.L.S., 2 pp. 12mo; Paris, 10 Nov. 1925. To Mrs. Kellogg.

250 3. A.L.S., 2 pp. 8vo; Brussels, 7 July 1928. To Mrs. Kellogg. (Letterhead of the Club de la Fondation Universitaire.

250 4. A.L.s., 2 pp. postcard-size; Paris, 9 Nov. 1928. To Mrs. Kellogg. (Letterhead of the Faculté des Sciences de Paris, Institut du Radium, Laboratorie Curie.)

175 5. A.N.s., 1½ pp. postcard-size; New York, 23 June 1921. To Mrs. Kellogg. (Letterhead of the Institut du Radium).

100 6. A.N.s., on Madame Curie's printed Christmas card. N.p., n.d. To Mrs. Kellogg.

100 7. A.N.s. on M. Curie's calling card ("Professeur à la Faculté des Sciences"), 1 p.; Paris, 12 Dec. 1928. To Mrs. Kellogg

100 8. A. sentiment.s., 1 p. postcard-size; Paris, 22 May 1921. To Mrs. Kellogg. (Letterhead of the Institut du Radium.)

350 9. T.L.s., 1 p. 8vo; Paris, 6 Jan. 1923. To Mrs. Kellogg. (Letterhead of the Institut du Radium.)

100 10. T.Ms.s., M. Curie's speech at the presentation ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences, accepting from the President of the UL S. the second gram of radium, 1 p.4to; Washington, D.C., 30 October 1929. Signed in pencil not in hand of M. Curie at the end.

35 11. T.L. (copy), 1 pp. 4to; Paris, 31 Jan. 1921. To Mrs. Kellogg, accepting her invitation to come to the U.S. to receive a gram of radium for scientific use.

15 12. T. Memo (carbon), marked Confidential, describing plans for the presentation of a gram of radium to M. Curie by President Harding; 1 pp. 4to; Washington, 18 May 1921.

15 13. T. plan of the seating on the platform for the presentation above, initialed by Robert Woods Bliss, Pres. Harding's Chief of Protocol.

15 14. Printed invitation to the presentation of the 1st gram of radium, May 20, 1921.

10 15. Printed invitation to the presentation of the 2nd gram of radium, 29 Oct. 1929.

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25 16. EINSTEIN (Albert). T.Ms.(carbon copy), 1 p. 4to; n.p., n.d. Testifying to his admiration for Madame Curie and her work.

6 17. KELLOGG (Mrs. Vernon). Form letter, sgd, 1 p. 4to; Washington, D.C., 17 March 1921. Raising funds for the purchase of the gram of radium for M. Curie.

15 18. KELLOGG (Mrs. Vernon). T.Ms., 11 p. 4to; Carmel, Ca., n.d. "An Intimate Picture of Madame Curie, from Diary Notes covering a Friendship of 15 Years."

6 19. Photograph of Mrs. Vernon Kellogg.

6 20. Photograph of Mrs. William Brown Meloney.

250 21. Curie, Marie. Pierre Curie. Translated by Charlotte & Vernon Kellogg. N.Y., 1923. 8vo, full morocco gilt presentation binding. Inscribed by M. Curie on separate flyleaves to both translators.

PADEREWSKI (I. J.)

35 1. T.N.s., ¼p. 4to; Morges, Switzerland, 7 Nov. 1935. To Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Kellogg. On monogram stationary.

36 2. T.N.s., ¼p. 4to; Morges, Switz. 14 Dec. 1935. To Mrs. Kellogg.

250 3. T.L.s., 1½ pp. 4to; Morges, Switz. To Mrs. Kellogg.

200 4. TLL. s., 1 p. 4to; Palm Beach, Fla., 21 March 1941. To Mrs. Kellogg.

200 5. T.L.s., 1 p. 4to; Palm Beach, Fla., 27 March 1941. To Mrs. Kellogg.

25 6. A.sentiment.s., ¼ p. 4to; n.p., n.d. (May 1941?)

6 7. Envelope addressed to Mrs. Kellogg, return address in the autograph (?) of Paderewski; Morges, Switz., 23 March 1939.

15 8. Photograph of Paderewski taken at Palm Beach, May --Summer 1941.

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ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF BELGIUM

35 1. Photograph, signed "Elizabeth 1919."

BELLOC (Hilaire)

25 1. T.L.s., 1 p. 4to; Kingsland, Shipley, Horsham, England, 19 Dec. 1931.

MUIR (John)

25 1. A.L.s., 2 pp. 4to; Old House, Jan. 4, 1910. To Mrs. Kellogg.

100 2. A.L.s. 2 pp. 4to; Martinez, 7 Dec. 1910. To Mrs. Kellogg.

75 3. ALL.s. 2 pp. 4to; Martinez, Jan. 16, 1913. To Mrs. Kellogg.

15 4. A. sentiment.s., ¼ p. 4to; n.p., 27 Nov. 1910

25 50 5. Article by Mrs. Kellogg on "John Muir--Pilgrim Soul" from The Delineator, Aug. 1921.

HOOVER (Mrs. HERBERT)

50 1. Photograph, signed and inscribed, Lou Henry Hoover.

BRAUN, G. & HOEFNAGLE, F.

100 1. Map of Owar and Vizzegrad (Germany), 1595, from Civitates Orbis Terrarum,V, [56]. Contemporary hand-coloring, framed under glass. Phillips 3292.

CATHER (Willa S.)

75 1. My Antonia. Boston [1918]. Later issue, with lengthy inscription to the Kelloggs covering the front free endpaper, dated 1919.

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WARREN R. HOWELL

August 6, 1969

Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

In answer to your letter of July 29th, your copy of Samuel Palmer's Eclogues of Virgil is a book that does have a value, and I think we could sell it. Please send it to us and let me know what you want for it. We may have to spend a little money to reback it.

As we have plenty of copies of inscribed books by Edwin Markham we do not need anymore, but could use George Sterling's Sails and Mirage.

I'm not sure I can identify the book you note as letters of R. Jeffers which includes a good many beauties to Sterling, A. M. Robertson, San Francisco. Do let me know exactly what it is. Of course, anything of Jeffers or Sterling is desirable.

Kindest regards.

As always,

Warren.

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August 14, 1969

Mrs. James Dickie
Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your long letter of August 11th. We sent the postcard back to you yesterday and look forward to receiving the books.

I am very much interested to learn of the letters you have from Madame Marie Curie written to your mother; they are of course as you say, rare and valuable. The price that you want for the lot seems fair to me but they would vary in value depending on the content of the letters. One of my colleagues has a laboratory notebook of Marie Curie which he holds at a great price.

We do a great business in autographs and I know we could sell the letters and might like to buy them at your figure. I would like to see them. We do have a convention of Manuscript Society autograph collectors coming to San Francisco at the end of the next month, and I would love to have these letters on hand at that time if possible. They could probably get you more money for them by selling them on commission. I would like to know the content so I could judge their value better.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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WARREN R. HOWELL

August 21, 1969

Mrs. James Dickie
Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

I received the books and am enclosing a list of prices we think would be right to pay for them.

The Palmer Auction Records for the last 5 years have been L28, 35 and 40. We can try and get you more on consignment but we think $100 is fair. Let us know and we will send you a check.

I am anxious to see the Marie Curie letters.

I am leaving for ~~New~~ Mexico tomorrow and will be back Monday then on to Copenhagen and Oslo and will be back the 12th of September.

Hope you enjoyed the John Simpson's Random Notes.

Kindest regards.

As always,

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WARREN R. HOWELL

August 27, 1969

Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

Yes, I will pay you $10 a volume for the Frank Norris works. The last auction recorded $7.00 for the set. It is a scarce set and I guess we can afford to pay that. We are enclosing our check for $215.00 and are pleased to have the books.

I look forward to seeing you in the week of September 15th. Kindest regards.

As always,

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WARREN R. HOWELL

September 19, 1969

Mrs. James Dickie
Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean,

Enclosing the list of all the material that you left with me. I put down individual prices for the items. We see that the sum total of the Madame Curie lot comes to $2500.00. I think this would be the right price to ask for this collection. The Curie letters should be sold as a collection and so should the Paderewski and John Muir letters. I hope you agree with the prices. We will take these on consignment 40% commission as we have advanced the $1000.00. Shortly we will send to you the xerox copies of all the material.

Kindest regards to you and your husband.

Sincerely yours,

Warren

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WARREN R. HOWELL

September 23, 1969

Mrs. James Dickie
P.O. Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

I have your good letters of September 20th and 21st. Yes, I am raising the price on the map to $150.00. Because of the frame it can justify it. Thank you for sending me the material regarding the Paderewski. It will certainly round out the collection. I am sending, under separate cover, Xerox copies of all the correspondence we have from you.

Kindest regards to you and Jim.

As always,

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WARREN R. HOWELL

October 13, 1969

Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
Story Road
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter of October 10. Your explanation regarding the typescript letter of Madame Curie seems to be correct; I will check with Columbia University to see if they have the letter.

I'm off to N.Y. on Friday, and will see my collector there; he bought the Madame Curie notebook, and expressed a strong interest in buying the letters we have.

Kindest regards to you and Jim.

As always,

Warren

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Mrs. James Dickie
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SALES REPORT

December 8, 1969

CATHER, Willa. Presentation Copy of My Antonia.	$ 75.00
MUIR, John. 4 A.L.s.'s to Mrs. Kellogg plus an article by Mrs. Kellogg. V.p., v.d. The lot:	225.00
	$300.00
Less: 40%	120.00
	$180.00

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Credit Balance in favor of JOHN HOWELL - BOOKS	$950.00
Less: Sales Report of Dec. 8, 1969	180.00
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WARREN R. HOWELL

January 27, 1970

Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
P.O. Box 25
Carmel Valley, California 93924

Dear Jean:

A customer who knew that I had the Curie letters, and asked to have a first chance at them, has now had them since October. He was very anxious to tell the Curies' daughter Eve about them, but when he saw her she seemed disinterested. My customer has been unable to get the bill of sale on the notebook of Madame Curie that he hoped to get from a colleague of mine. However, he did tell me that he would buy the letters, whether or not he would be able to get the notebook. He has not paid for them as yet; I expect him to be sending a check any day now.

Kindest regards to you and your husband.

Yours sincerely,

Warren

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Mrs. James Dickie
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March 6, 1970

CONSIGNMENT REPORT

MADAME MARIE CURIE LETTERS		$ 2,500.00
	Less: 40%	1,000.00
		$ 1,500.00
Less:Credit Balance from Advance payment:		770.00
		$ 730.00

Dear Jean
Check for 2500.00
just arrived today.
I had to ask for it.
Regards
Warren

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WARREN R. HOWELL

March 16, 1970

Mrs. James Dickey
Jean Kellogg Gallery
P. O. Box 25
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Dear Jean:

In answer to your letter of March 15, I do believe the Curie letters eventually will go to the University of Chicago.

I'm interested to know that you are negotiating with Yale University on your Mother's Polish papers.

As regards the other materials we still have on hand, we will be happy to move the commission down to the usual third. Of course, it will be all right for you to pick up the framed map of Visigrad.

Kindest regards to you and Jim.

Yours sincerely,

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WARREN R. HOWELL

June 18, 1970

Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
Story Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Dear Jean:

In answer to your letter of June 15, I will be on hand here at the end of the month when you plan to come to San Francisco. I look forward to seeing you and Jim.

Kindest regards. I am

Yours sincerely,

Warren

Warren R. Howell

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P. O. Box 25
Carmel Valley, Ca. 93924
January 4, 1973

Mr. Warren R. Howell
John Howell Books
434 Post Street
San Francisco, Ca. 94102

Dear Warren:

It was good of you and Antoinette to send us your handsome card of the season. When Jim first saw it he said " Daumier", but on second glance his British ancestry said no. Thank you- the bookseller is not an accurate self portrait, but really jolly nonetheless.

I have a few special items I should like to sell at this time for as much as I can get for them. They are described on the accompanying list. Needless to say they have long been cherished in our library. I am aware that the"Visits To Ireland" has a considerable value; and I thought you might have some collector of works on San Francisco who would be glad to have the attractive little inscribed edition of Kathleen Norris "My San Francisco".

Would you be good enough to send me your estimate onthese works based on my non- professional but hopefully fairly accurate description of them? There is one book not on this short list concerning which I should be glad of your opinion. I've had it for years, it is a bit foxed, and I made some light pencil notations in it years ago; a large book, it is called Life and Letters of John Constable,R.A. by C.R. Leslie R.A., a new edition, 1896 Chapman and Hall , London, with fine engravings from the paintings and drawings of Constable.

Of course I understand it is hard for you not to see the books, and there might be some adjustment later for condition, but these are books I should rather not entrust to the mail unless you feel it is really worth while.

With thanks,Warren, for your continued friendly interest in our affairs,

Sincerely,

P.S. Since I last saw you I have given a number of important papers and books to Yale, including the entire William Allen White collection of first inscribed editions and letters; and Jim and I have set up a separate collection for ourselves which we can add to from time to time. Mr. Kahn and Mr. Rogers have been most helpful, although as yet I do not think Mother's Polish papers have been researched.

VISITS TO IRELAND
TRAVEL DIARIES OF UNA JEFFERS
Ward Ritchie Press 1954
one of a limited edition of 300 copies
mint condition, except box very slightly marked on edges

SHINE PERISHING REPUBLIC
ESSAYS ON ROBINSON JEFFERS
by Rudolph Gilbert , Bruce Humphries, Boston, 1st ed. 1936
one of 1000 copies,on Flemish paper , rose and gold cover
excellent condition

NEW HAMPSHIRE by ROBERT FROST
1st edition with woodcuts, Holt, New York, 1923
(contains the poem Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening)"
good condition

CONVERSATIONS AT MIDNIGHT by EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY
1st edition, Harper's, 1937
very good condition

WINE FROM THESE GRAPES by EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY
1ST EDITION Harpers 1934
good condition

IRISH MELODIES by THOMAS MOORE
London, Longman, Brown,Green and Longmans 1850

leather bound, dark green and gold, one plate by Maclise, R.A.
excellent condition

MY SAN FRANCISCO by KATHLEEN NORRIS
1st edition, rose cover, 1932, Doubleday Doran, N.Y.
very good condition, except corners slightly worn
inscribed

For Charlotte with a generation of love
from Kathleen

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WARREN R. HOWELL

January 8, 1973

Mrs. James Dickie
P.O. Box 25
Carmel Valley, Ca. 93924

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your good letter of January 4th. I am glad you liked our Christmas card.

Regarding the books which you would like to sell, there are only two on the list which we could use: Visits to Ireland and Shine Perishing Republic. We would pay $ 30.00 for the two.

As to the Constable book, I am sorry to say that as far as we know, it has no particular collector's value although it is an attractive book.

I was interested to know that you have given some fine items to Yale.

With kindest regards and all best wishes for the New Year to you and Jim, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Warren R.

Warren R. Howell

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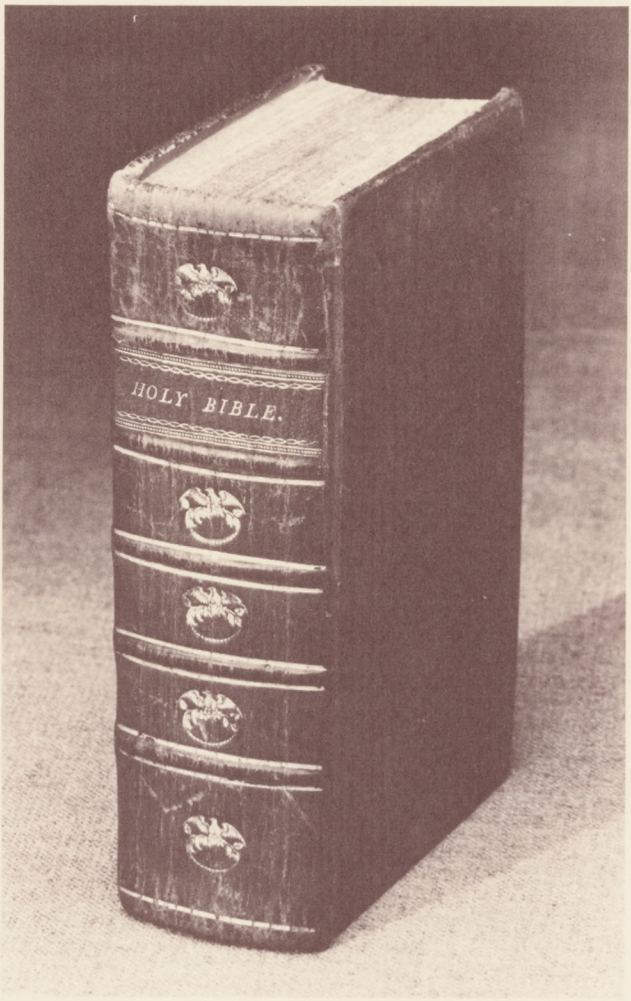
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When A. Edward Newton, noted American collector, received his copy, he sent a telegram to John Howell on February 24, 1931. "The Aitken Bible Book (The Bible of the Revolution) is in every way an achievement. I heartily congratulate you, the Grabhorns and all who have had a finger in this delightful pie. From every point of view the book deserves the great success which I prophesy for it."

Today Warren R. Howell celebrates his 50th year in the firm of John Howell—Books and the 70th year from its founding by his father in October 1912. His *Anniversary Catalogue* contains a copy of the 1782 Aitken Bible which belonged to Mrs. Saml. Bradbury, the great grand-daughter of Aitken, and was displayed at the Centennial Exhibition held in Philadelphia in 1876.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Dickie
428 Monroe Street
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dickie,

I do wish you could have been with us Sunday afternoon, September 12th, for the Autumn program of the Gleeson Library Associates of the University of San Francisco. It was certainly a gratifying occasion for anyone who feels as closely associated as I do with John Howell - Books. We celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the bookshop and honored Warren Howell for his fifty years as an outstanding antiquarian bookman.

Dr. Decherd Turner, Director of the Humanities Research Center of the University of Texas, was our speaker. And, as always, his words were educational, inspiring and witty. How I wish that all of our friends who love books could have heard him.

We are sending you a copy of the keepsake program which we believe will be of interest.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Sally V. Zaiser

(Mrs.) Sally V. Zaiser
Secretary-Treasurer

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Genteel World of the Rare Book Dealer

Bygone civility pervades a trade where one volume can be worth thousands

BY JERRY CARROLL

The other day a man with a shopping bag turned in off the sidewalk and walked into John Howell — Books on Post Street with no more ceremony than if he were carrying potatoes for the night's dinner.

He strolled into a genteel 19th century atmosphere of polished brass, dark wood, oil paintings and antique prints, where people stood before tall bookcases thoughtfully turning the pages of old or rare volumes and walked to owner Warren R. Howell's office, where he waved, casually set the bag on the floor and left.

In any other business, such a delivery — the shopping bag contained perhaps 10 pounds of valuable books — would have occasioned profound security spasms, including armored cars and guards wearing revolvers and flourishing shotguns.

"This one," Howell, 70, said when the tissue paper was peeled away from one of the books in the bag revealing a 151-year-old copy of James O. Pattie's narrative of his journey overland to California, "is worth $10,000 dollars."

Also in the bag were four nicely bound volumes of The Pioneer Magazine (1854-55), California's first magazine; a handsome German-language volume of great antiquity and assorted lesser treasures.

Howell takes this sort of thing in stride. "Somebody came in yesterday with $200,000 worth of books," he said casually.

Literacy's decline in the face of television, video games and other such urgent claims on the attention of younger folk may one day doom the old and rare book trade, but just now it flourishes, particularly in Northern California where there are 50 shops belonging to the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America.

(From February 25 to 28, the Northern California chapter of the association will host the 16th annual international book fair at the Crystal Court Showplace at Eighth and Brannan streets in San Francisco. An event of great importance for the trade, it will draw dealers from throughout the country as well as the major European capitals.)

"We're one of the biggest in the nation," Howell proudly said of his firm, founded in 1912 by his father, whose name it bears. Warren Howell, a tall man of patrician mien described by one rival as "the snowy-thatched dean of book men," dropped out of Stanford in 1932 to join the company.

John Howell — Books has an inventory of some 12,000 books and other treasures worth around $3 million, including the Nahl oil portrait of bandit Joaquin Murieta that looks down on Howell's untidy desk and commands a price of $150,000.

Howell waved a negligent hand. "We have books here that cost as little as, I suppose, a dollar, and range up to maybe $100,000."

The firm employs 17 people, including scholarly experts in one field or another of historical or literary interest. Great attention is paid to aesthetics, to the small sensual detail that caresses the sensibility of a book lover.

Example: Purchases at John Howell — Books are wrapped in plain brown paper and tied with red ribbon. Seemingly, all that is needed to complete the experience are clerks in swallowtail coats and a hansom cab and a driver in ulster waiting at the door.

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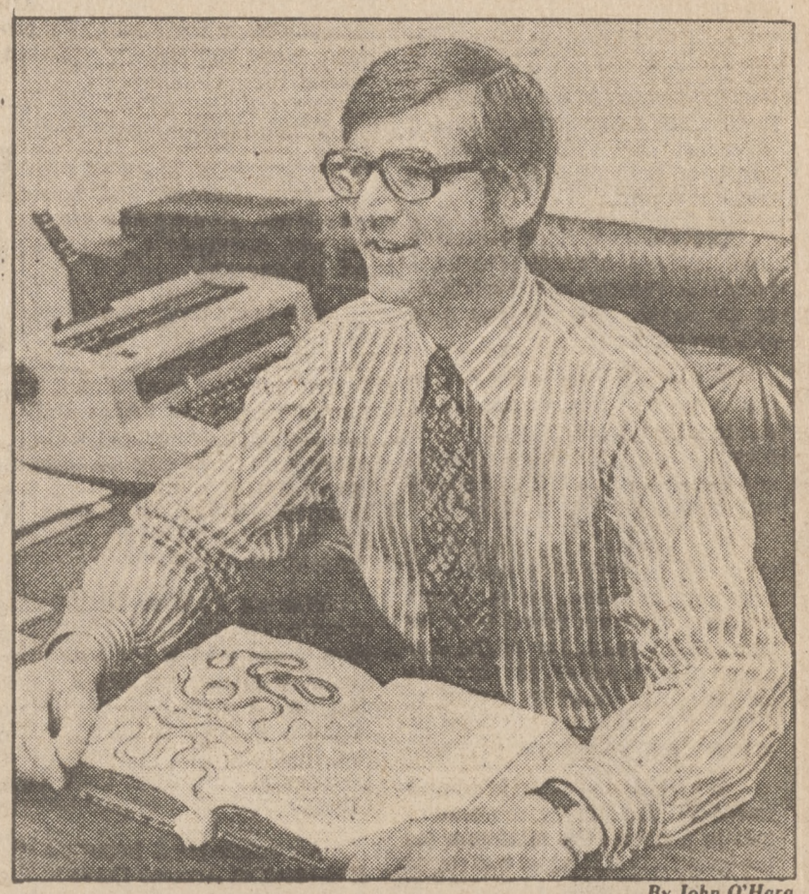
Jeffrey Thomas, 44, who has a fine and rare books store with 3000 volumes on Geary Street, was a doctoral candidate at Berkeley specializing in Bret Harte when Howell hired him in 1976 to evaluate some Harte manuscripts.

"After a few weeks," he said, "I realized I liked being around old books and people who liked them." He learned the book craft under Howell's tutelage, leaving last year to start his own firm. "It's very common for great book men like Warren Howell to spawn new dealers. I wanted to run my own show," he said.

By Susan Gilbert

Warren Howell of John Howell — Books is considered the dean of Bay Area book men

Age alone does not make a book valuable. A directory of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America describes the considerations: "The value of a book is affected by a variety of factors, including the intrinsic importance of the work, its scarcity, and collectors' interest in it.



By John O'Hara

Jeffrey Thomas: He wanted to run his own show

"In general, the books most sought after are the great works in the humanities and the sciences, usually in their first editions. The value of a particular copy of any given book will be further affected by many other factors; most important usually are its condition, its binding, its provenance, and the significance of any inscriptions it may contain."

"Condition, however," said Thomas, "is of supreme importance." His shop has a first edition of William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury" in its original dust jacket that costs $1500. "Without the dust jacket, it's worth about $250."

John Steinbeck didn't like autographing his books, so any carrying his signature boosts its value. Thomas has a signed edition of "In Dubious Battle" that is valued at between $2000 and $2500.

"The price a dealer puts on a book is based on what he paid for it, knowledge, instinct, even prejudice," Thomas said. Any record of auction prices also plays a role in determining value.

Books by Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway are currently hot, while trade interest in those by Joseph Conrad and Rudyard Kipling has cooled. "Writers go in and out of fashion," Thomas said.

The English writer John Galsworthy, who wrote "The Forsyte Saga," has declined in reputation and his books correspondingly fetch a smaller price. The same fate has befallen contemporary American writer Tom Robbins, who wrote "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues."

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Some rare-book dealers specialize. Sand Dollar Books of Berkeley, for example, concentrates on modern poetry, books on dance, small press books, fine printings and literary magazines, while Jerrold G. Stanoff of Aptos deals in rare Oriental books.

In some cases, dealers open their collections up by appointment only and visits by the idly curious are not encouraged. This, others in the trade lament, has given rise to the false impression that book collecting is somehow the snobbish province of the well-to-do. It is felt that many people who might otherwise drop into a rare and fine book shop don't because they feel intimidated.

"These handsome surroundings shouldn't intimidate anyone," Howell said, looking around with pleasure.

A tall safe holds some of the finest treasures, including one of the first maps of America ever made. Found in the binding of a book in 1922, the "Oval Planisphere" was drawn by the Florentine mapmaker Francesco Rosselli around 1507.

Book collectors, oddly, are almost always men. No one can explain why. Physicians and lawyers are more likely to be found studying book spines in these shops than any other profession.

Most books commercially produced today — the romances, the 21-day diet books, the autobiographies of the fleetingly famous — are quickly and badly made because they are meant to be read and forgotten as quickly as possible before being remaindered and reprocessed into cardboard.

Although book dealers warn that book collecting is too chancy to be viewed as a sound financial investment, Howell has logged a number of stories about astronomical jumps in value.

Like the set of Audubon Society books titled "The Birds of America" which he discovered at the old Mark Hopkins Art Institute and sold in 1940 for $8000. "A set sold the other day at an auction in Texas for $1.5 million," Howell said.

The Pleasures Of Collecting

Bill Barlow of Oakland is a 48-year-old certified public accountant who for the past 30 years has been collecting the works of John Baskerville, an 18th-century printer in Birmingham, England.

"I don't know if you can describe the pleasures of collecting to anybody else," said Barlow, who has assembled more than 400 books printed by Baskerville. "It's a personal kind of pleasure."

His passion for collecting grew out of an amateur interest in printing. One of the considerable charms of his hobby, Barlow said, is the very process of locating books or pamphlets done by Baskerville.

"Sometimes there is a great deal of detective work. You hear of collections and you go after them," he said.

Part of the fun, he said, is finding books in odd places and buying them at bargain-basement prices. Barlow owns all but seven of the editions printed by Baskerville and hopes one day to to complete his collection.

"The sorts of things I want only come on the market every couple of years or so," he said.

Andrew Hoyem, 47, collects the work of the early 20th-century German calligrapher and printer Rudolph Koch. "Many consider him the greatest calligrapher of the century and the most prolific type designer," Hoyem said.

"I've been collecting for about 12 years now. I've bought books through rare book dealers, sometimes at auction, sometimes directly, sometimes from catalogs," he said. His collection includes more than 200 items.

"The hunt is part of the pleasure, and I think is a very strong factor for many book collectors. But I'm more interested in the thing itself as a visual and literary object.

"I eventually will probably sell the collection. It could go into a university library. Then I would turn around and start another collection," Hoyem said.

He derives both aesthetic pleasure and inspiration from his collecting, said Hoyem, owner of Arion Press in San Francisco, whose work is itself the quarry of other collectors.

Part of the fun is finding books at bargain-basement prices

"We make limited editions of books," he said. "We publish one or two books or portfolios a year and accept design and production work from institutions."

Arion's latest book is "The Apocalypse." Only 150 copies of the book, which sells for $1500, were printed. "We've almost sold out," Hoyem said.

JERRY CARROLL

OPEC TALKS COLLAPSE

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cutting by some OPEC members, Sheik Ahmad Zaki Yamani of Saudi Arabia said: "There has been a complete failure."

Along with Kuwait Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Sabah, he hinted that OPEC's $34 benchmark price, which the group has been attempting to defend, will have to be lowered probably by about $2 a barrel to restore the cartel's competitive position in the marketplace.

Yamani would not speculate on the actual amount or timing of the expected price cut, but he said it would depend on an anticipated drop of $2 to $3 in the price of competing North Sea oil, which he said that he expects "a few days from now."

Industry analysts in the United States expressed surprise and confusion over OPEC's inability to forge an agreement, particularly after it apparently had come so close. The organization's continuing disarray refueled speculation about a possible collapse in worldwide oil prices.

"The result is almost indeterminate," said Robert Stobaugh, director of the Harvard Business School energy project. Without an OPEC agreement on limiting production, he said, there is "at least a 50-50 chance" of a slow downward spiral in oil prices.

"There is no lower natural (price) boundary within reason," he added. "In the short run, prices could go down to $20 a barrel."

George Keller, chairman of Standard Oil Co. of California, agreed. "This thing could become a sort of vortex with no bottom to it," he said.

Keller, whose company is a major customer for Saudi oil, added: "This is a heck of a war to be sitting between the two sides on."

However, most experts said that a dramatic price drop is by no means a foregone conclusion.

Keller and others said that even if the Saudis cut their price as expected, they could avert a major drop in prices by making it clear to other oil producers that they would hold their output to low levels.

"It's very unlikely that prices will go down more than a nominal amount," said Charles C. Cahn, an oil analyst with the Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. brokerage in New York.

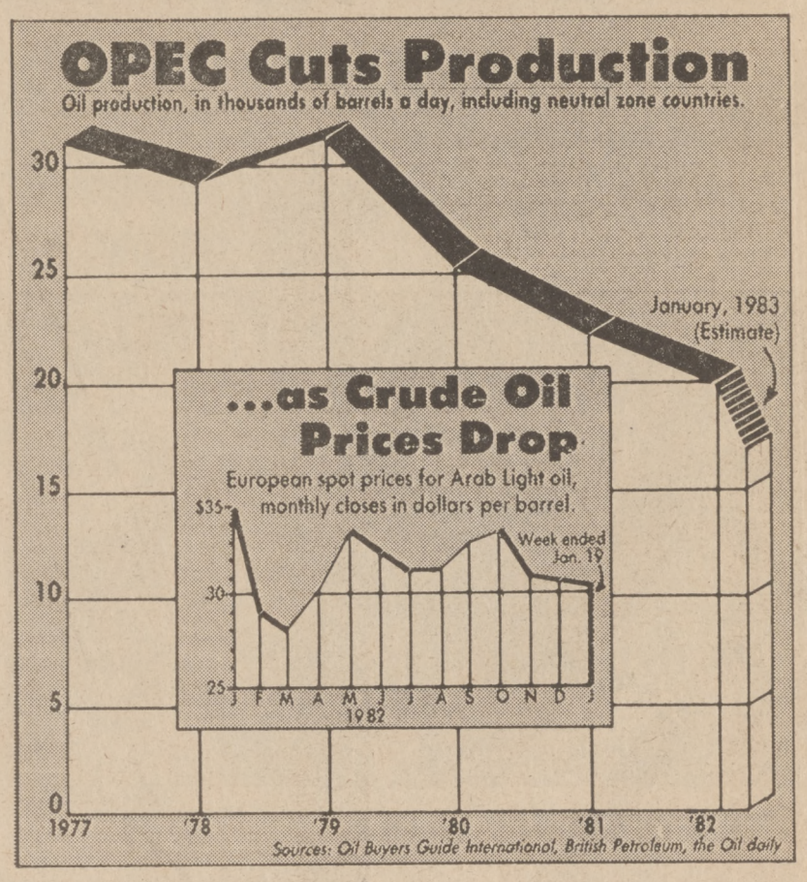
Analysts from independent oil companies observing the conference said that if a price cut is accompanied by the disciplined adherence of OPEC members to production limits and no-discount pricing policies, it probably would prevent oil prices from slipping further.

But in the absence of an agreement soon, they said that the price-cutting by some members, notably Iran and Libya, would at best only cause prices to fall slightly and at worst could touch off a price war that would endanger the world economy.

Sharply reduced oil prices would be good news for motorists, heating-oil customers and oil-importing nations, but they would pose serious problems for such heavily indebted oil-producing countries as Mexico and Nigeria and to the international banks that hold their loans.

Deploring the possibility and vowing to keep trying to head it off, Yamani said that a price war would force some North Sea oil fields out of production because they would no longer be economical, and that a number of small American producers now responsible for about 300,000 barrels a day would go bankrupt because reduced revenues would leave them unable to repay heavy exploration and production loans.

"You will see bankruptcies all over," he said, [illegible] "so[illegible]



Production has gone down in the past few years

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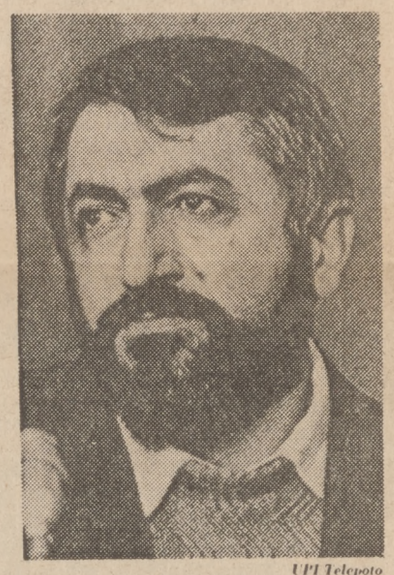
SHEIK AHMED ZAKI YAMANI
He accused Iran of discounts



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MOHAMMAD GHARAZI
'Saudi Arabia has failed'

LEBANON ROCKET

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ticipants, however, "absolutely no progress" was made.

Minutes after the rocket hit, Israeli soldiers rushed to the scene and detained four Lebanese civilians for questioning. The Israelis also severed road links along the coastal highway leading to Khalde and began a hunt for the rocket launcher. That search was unsuccessful.

Katyushas are barrage-type rockets that first came into use in the second World War. They can be fired from launchers mounted on a truck.

A statement issued later by the Israeli command said the rocket was fired from the Hay al-Sellom area.

Hay al-Sellom is a Beirut suburb at the southern end of Beirut International Airport, about two miles north of Khalde. The area is technically under the supervision of the U.S. Marines who are part of the peacekeeping force, but the closest Marine checkpoint to Hay al-Sellom is 500 yards away. The area is patrolled daily by the Lebanese rut, Israeli soldiers are proscribed from entering areas or using roads controlled by the peacekeeping force.

In the last few weeks, however, American officials here have recorded at least six incidents involving Israeli troops trying to use roads assigned to the Marine Corps or to pass through their checkpoints. This has led to several very tense verbal exchanges by well-armed troops from both sides.

The rocket attack tended to overshadow yesterday's session of the twice-weekly negotiations. A senior Lebanese negotiator said the session was marked by tough exchanges between the chief Israeli delegate, David Kimche, and the top Lebanese representative, Antoine Fattal.

Fattal made a broad presentation of the Lebanese position, which pointedly rejected Israel's demands for Israeli-operated early warning stations in southern Lebanon, normalization of relations, Israeli diplomatic representation in Beirut and a future role in the Lebanese army for Major Saad Had-

PAROLE

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protect society by isolating the serious offender."

Baer said the administration is still pushing for legislation to eliminate paroles over a seven-year period and replace them with a system of mandatory sentences. That proposal was passed by the Senate last year but, as Baer noted, "The House has never been too favorable toward it." The plan never got out of committee in the House.

All common-law crimes, such as murder and rape, come under the jurisdiction of the states unless federal statutes bring them under U.S. juristiction.

Baer said the more serious crimes in the federal judicial system usually involve large-scale heroin dealing. One-third of the inmates in the federal system have been convicted of drug-related offenses.

"It will make it harder for drug dealers to be paroled," Baer said. "It coincides with the administration's big push on drug pushers. It's a coincidence, but it just shows we're going the same way."

The Reagan administration has set up 12 drug enforcement task forces around the country to focus on breaking up major organized drug networks.

In an interview, Baer acknowledged that the new guidelines could add to the population in already-overcrowded federal prisons, but he noted that some of the changes simply reflected the parole commission's actual practice in recent years.

"The increases will be relatively small and we think the Bureau of Prisons can handle this," Baer said.

As of January 17, there were 29,023 federal prisoners, or 21 percent more than the 23,958 that existing federal prisons are designed to hold. Federal maximum security prisons were at their capacity of 4347 inmates.

Baer said parole decisions will still be made on two primary factors: the severity of the offense and the risk that a convict might return to crime. That risk is measured largely on the basis of the inmate's criminal record.

The old guidelines contained seven levels of seriousness to classify crimes. The new policy establishes an eighth level for the most serious crimes.

The eighth level includes murder, a forcible felony resulting in death, kidnaping for ransom or terrorism, espionage, aircraft piracy, and sale of three or more kilograms of heroin.

For adults who committed those crimes but have a low risk of returning to crime, the minimum sentence has been raised from 4.3 years to 8.3 years. For adults convicted of such crimes who are considered most likely to return to crime, the minimum has been increased from 8.3 years to 15 years.

For adults convicted of using a sawed-off shotgun or a machine-gun in a crime, the minimum for the least risky offenders was raised from one year and two months to two years. For those with the highest risk of returning to crime, the minimum prison time was raised from two years and 10 months to

Hillsides Tumble In L.A. Rains

Los Angeles

Surf up to 15 feet high pounded Southern California beaches and mud began sliding down Malibu hillsides as a heavy rainfall drenched the area yesterday, collapsing roofs and snarling traffic.

California Highway Patrol crews scraped mud from the Pacific Coast Highway to keep it open in the Big Rock area between Malibu and Santa Monica just up the coast from Los Angeles, said CHP clerk Charlene Williams.

But the battering rains, coming so soon after Saturday's substantial storm, sent hillsides cascading in the canyon area, forcing closure yesterday of the Malibu Canyon-Los Virgenes Road, which connects the Pacific Coast Highway with the Ventura Freeway, Williams said.

There were no reports of homes or residents threatened, said Sergeant Charles Putnam of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Malibu station.

"It's coming down quite hard — with the previous storm, it saturated the ground and when we get a rain following a saturation like that the mountains start tumbling down," Putnam said.

In Vermont, meanwhile, highway crews fought a losing battle with ice and slush-coated highways that prevented dozens of schools from opening.

Most of the state's 3000 miles of roads remained dangerously slushy as highway crews spread sand and salt to combat the effects of a freezing weekend rain.

Schools in many areas were closed, and crews from the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. spent much of yesterday trying to restore power to 500 customers in isolated areas who lost service because of ice on power lines and trees.

State Highway Department dispatcher Ray Burke said crews spread "umpteen billion tons of salt and sand" Sunday and were back on the job yesterday, but had trouble keeping up with the ice build-up.

"It's a gunky mess," he said.

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A WEEK OF RAIN AHEAD

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ground can't hold any more water."

Highway 1, closed 25 miles south of Big Sur since Sunday when mudslides blocked north lanes, will be out of service indefinitely along that part of the coastal road, Caltrans reported yesterday.

Authorities said the weekend weather killed Joseph Coogan, a tourist from Pottstown, Pa., who disappeared in the surf at Pebble Beach while he posed for a picture Sunday.

Marin County was shaken by nearly 80-mile-an-hour winds from Mount Tamalpais. The wind caused numerous backouts and bowled over trees, slowing the Monday morning commute considerably, authorities said.

Two fallen trees, one 4 feet in diameter at Samuel Taylor State Park, blocked traffic on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Rocks and debris slowed traffic on Lucas Valley Road and a sudden mudslide closed Panoramic Highway on Mount Tamalpais one mile west of the Mountain Home Inn between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday, authorities said.

Western Alameda County also experienced flooding. Mudslides have closed part of the Sunol Regional Wilderness through Tuesday, and a seven-mile stretch of Highway 84, between Interstate 680 and Highway 238 in Fremont, will be closed at least two or three days, officials said.

An uninhabited home on the 6600 block of Armour Drive in the Oakland hills was destroyed by a mudslide, and three other homes on Snake Road were beginning to slide off their foundations. The destroyed home had been abandoned

S.F. RAINFALL

24 hours to 4 p.m.	1.13
Season to date	15.18
Normal to date	11.66
To date last year	21.09
Seasonal normal	20.66

Season: July 1 to June 30. Figures in inches

railroad spokesmen said.

And 175,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. customers in Northern and Central California were without power at various times over the weekend — some blacked out for 12 hours. Fewer than 1000 customers were still without power by last night, a spokesman said.

In the Sierra, snow fell until 1 p.m. yesterday. An avalanche warning has been issued for the east side of the Sierra from Yuba Pass to Sonora Pass above 6500 feet.

WORKERS

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pervisor Quentin Kopp, was sought by Japanese American civic leaders.

"What this really shows is that if something unfair was done, the city is not afraid to say we made a mistake," said Dr. Clifford Uyeda, head of the Golden Gate Division of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Supervisor Louise Renne said she has introduced a separate measure to pay approximately $15,000 to the three surviving members of the Hagiwara family, which was forced to give up running the famed Japanese Tea Garden in

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Mrs. Jean Kellogg Dickie
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Dear Jean:

Thank you for your good letter of September 18. I am glad to see the list of books that you might want to part with. There are some that we could sell very quickly, and I know we can use them all. I would of course pay about half of what we could get for them if I bought them outright. I would much rather sell them for you on consignment at 35% commission, pricing the books and getting your approval of the prices before going ahead. I prefer to do it this way, if this would be of interest to you. Do let me know.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Warren

Warren R. Howell

WRH:dhh

428 Monroe Street, #2
Monterey
California 93940

September 22, 1983

Mr. Warren R. Howell
John Howell--Books
434 Post Street
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Warren:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 20. I agree with your suggestion that I consign the books at 35% commission, especially since you state that some things could be sold very quickly.

Will you price the books without seeing them, or do you wish me to send them on now? Knowing that you will take personal charge of things, I guess I could do that--(Hoover and Frost items quite precious.)

Please let me know what I should do.

Sincerely,

Jean Kellogg Dickie

P.S. You failed to mention the Curie portrait. Don't you think that I should keep it until you have an interested client?

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Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd. We would very much prefer to have the books in hand before pricing them. Please do send them on to us.

I did mean to mention the Curie portrait. We are very much interested in that as well.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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	5.	PERSE, J. Seamarks. [New York, 1958].	10.00
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sold 11/29/83	9.	MUIR, J. My First Summer in the Sierra. Boston, 1911. First Edition with author's complimentary card.	125.00 ~~100.00~~ 81.25 rec'd
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Warren Howell Dies — S.F. Rare Book Dealer

By Michael Grieg

Warren Richardson Howell, 71, the San Francisco bibliophile who was one of the world's most successful antiquarian book dealers, died yesterday at Mount Zion Hospital.

For more than 50 years, Mr. Howell was involved in the discovery, purchase and sale of millions of dollars' worth of rare books, ranging from the log of Captain Cook's voyages in the Pacific to a 500-year-old manuscript of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

His 434 Post Street bookshop, John Howell Books, was founded in 1912 by his father. It was the center for generations of bibliophiles, whether millionaire collectors or impecunious browsers with only time to spend.

A native of Berkeley, he graduated from Berkeley High School and was able to attend Stanford University for only two years. The Depression forced him to go to work in the store.

"My father needed the help," he once recalled. "We had no business, we had no stock. My father kept us afloat by giving lectures on the Bible. There almost literally was no rare book business in the 1930s and into the 1940s."

During World War II, he served as a U.S. Naval officer with the Pacific Fleet. He was awarded a Bronze Star for combat duty.

Mr. Howell made his mark as an ingenious bookman well before 1956, when his father died and he became president of the firm.

His first big opportunity came, he recalled, when Edward E. Hills, the local coffee tycoon and an eminent bibliophile, asked him to help find an available edition of the rare Audubon "elephant folio" of bird prints. The young bookman read everything he could find about Audubon and eventually discovered a set of the prints at the old Mark Hopkins Art Institute. He sold the set for $8000.

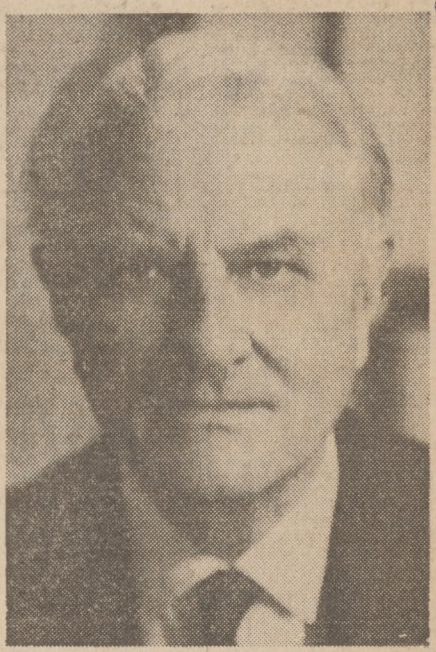
Mr. Howell's knowledge of the artist-naturalist enabled him to acquire and sell in 1979 another set of Audubon's "Birds of America" for $435,000. At a recent auction in Texas, a set sold for $1.5 million.

Other important transactions by Mr. Howell included his $285,000 purchase of the Hack Atlas, a 17th century work of art that contains 164 double-page hand-painted maps.

He bought the log and journal of Captain Cook's voyages from 1768 to 1775 for $148,000 in 1960, at that time the highest price ever paid at auction for a historical manuscript.

In selling such acquisitions, he kept the confidence of collectors — and guarded the security of the items — by seldom disclosing the identity of purchasers or what they had paid.

Good prices for the works he found were not his sole concern.



WARREN RICHARDSON HOWELL
'Collect what pleases you'

"We do not encourage people who are looking primarily for investments or who want to speculate," said Mr. Howell, who liked to call his Post Street shop "a gentlemen's library set down on a city street."

He said he was particularly concerned with "finding the right place for a book or art object."

He was happy to lend his expertise to beginning collectors.There was no need to be intimidated by the cost that some rare books commanded. "With no more than $100 you can put together quite a nice collection," he would tell them. "The important thing is to collect what pleases you."

Some of the volumes he bought were for his private collection. His initial purchase, he once told an interviewer, was a first edition of "King of the Golden River," a children's story written by a famed distant cousin, John Ruskin.

Mr. Howell was a former president of the Book Club of California, a secretary and trustee of the California Historical Society and a life fellow of the Pierpont Morgan Library. He was a founding member of the Friends of the Bancroft Library at the University of California in Berkeley and recipient of the first Warren R. Howell award for outstanding service to the Stanford University Libraries.

He is survived by his wife, Antoinette, of San Francisco, and three brothers — John J. Howell Jr. of Piedmont, his twin; Ruskin Howell of Walnut Creek, and Robert Howell of Alameda.

There will be no funeral. According to family tradition, his ashes will be scattered at sea. Memorial services at Grace Cathedral are pending.

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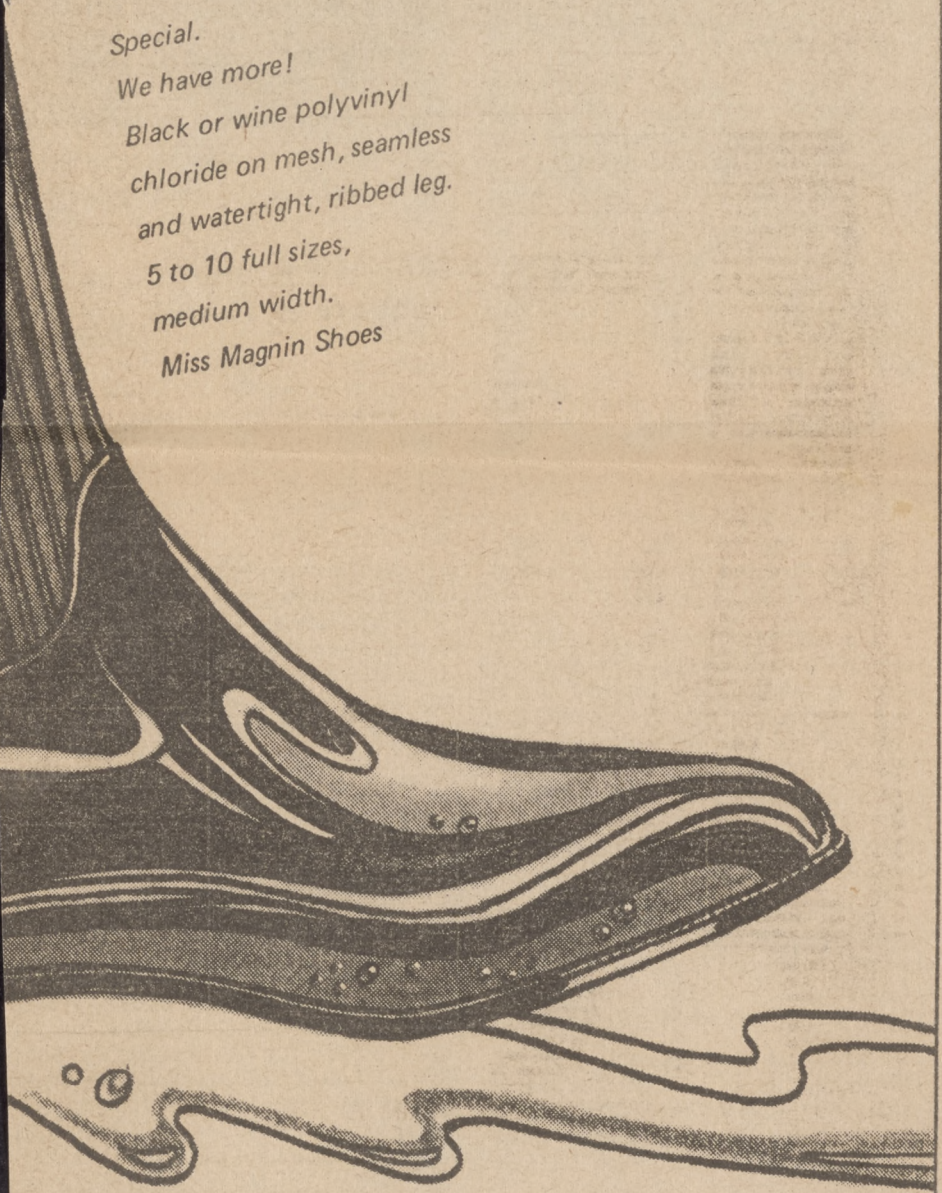

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Eulogy for Warren Howell by Kevin Starr

We are gathered here this morning to celebrate the life of Warren Richardson Howell; and we are here to celebrate him especially by that which he most loved and held dearly. Warren Richardson Howell was, above all else, a man of deep personal warmth and passionate intensity. In an era of indifference masquerading as sophistication, of cynicism masquerading as wisdom, Warren Richardson Howell was not afraid to care and to care deeply. We are here then to celebrate the life and the many loving commitments of Warren Richardson Howell.

A single Ariadne's thread -- tradition -- guides us through the complex attachments of this bookman, publisher, builder of libraries, this naval officer, this lover of clubs and fellowship, this encourager of the young. Warren Richardson Howell had the courage to live his life in context. With the fierce ardor of his passionate nature, he threw himself into the world around him and he tried to make it better.

Tradition begins in the family. Warren Howell took great pride in his pre-Revolutionary War ancestors, especially his great-great-great grandfather who at the age of 70 fought alongside his son in the American Revolution. He prized his mother's cousinship with the great Victorian critic John Ruskin. These two family strains -- symbolized by the Yankee patriot and the Victorian scholar -- mingled powerfully

in Warren Howell, who was at once a citizen of the larger world of learning, at home in a half dozen international capitals, and a devoted lover of American places, American people and things, American books.

Energized by a complex, forceful relationship to his distinguished father and his gracious, cultivated mother, Warren Howell possessed the special strength of those men who have the courage to follow in a powerful father's footsteps. Among Warren and his three brothers -- John G. Howell, Jr., Ruskin Howell, Warren's twin, and Robert Howell -- has existed a lifetime of mutual understanding born of dramatic family circumstances.

Appropriately, this citizen of the world married in 1953 a European, the Dutch-born Antoinette Oostermayer; and for those of us privileged to know Warren and Antoinette as husband and wife, it was always a pleasure to be in the presence of their special relationship. Here indeed was that very complimentarity, that counterpoint that makes for an especially successful marriage. Antoinette's sly humor lightened Warren's more pontifical moments. Warren delighted in his wife's beauty and their companionship together. When they were in the same room -- at a dinner party, a reception, a meeting of one of the many associations they belonged to -- he seemed somehow softened in her presence. Antoinette brought her magnificent womanliness to Warren's masculine

force. She brought a sense of acceptance to supplement his desire to coax the world to proper behavior. As fine a man as he was, he was even finer when she was with him. As his long time colleague Sally Zaiser said: "Warren Howell had two loves: his business, John Howell Books, and his wife, Antoinette."

Warren Howell loved Stanford University, to which he came as a young man in the midst of the Depression and from which he was forced to leave abruptly when it became necessary to assist his father. Warren mourned that abrupt departure from Stanford, but it was also his abiding source of strength; for he spent the rest of his life in the belief that his education would always remain incomplete, and thus he never lost his early love of learning. Stanford was his first love, and he returned to Stanford again and again throughout his life in grateful remembrance. I remember the look of deep satisfaction on his face as Stanford University Library Director David Weber presented Warren with the first Warren R. Howell Award for Book Collecting. What a magnificent sight: this tall leonine man standing on the sunsplashed lawn of the Meyer-Buck estate adjacent to Stanford University, being honored for helping the Stanford Library raise one million dollars for books, a look of almost undergraduate joy upon his face. In his remarks, in fact, Warren reminisced of his fraternity days fifty plus years ago.

Although he never talked much of that part of his life, Warren was a patriot who served his country with great distinction during the Second World War as a naval officer, being awarded the Navy Bronze Star with Combat Cluster.

There was in Warren Howell a quintessentially American gentlemanliness; and it showed itself in his love of American culture, especially in its Californian variations. With great enthusiasm, he worked on behalf of the Bancroft Library at Berkeley. As a publisher, he made available numerous important California texts, and he worked ceaselessly on behalf of the California Historical Society, the Society of California Pioneers (which made him an honorary life member), and other associations promoting the California heritage. Warren Howell took California and San Francisco seriously. San Francisco, in turn, became a more important place because of John Howell Books and Warren's stewardship there.

Under his direction, this "gentleman's library set down on a city street" became an international center in the rare book and manuscript world. Warren could have thrived merely as a private dealer, but he insisted upon maintaining John Howell Books fully staffed and open to the public, because he knew that he and his father had created an important institution. Over the years, he staffed it with young people, and many of

them have in turn themselves become leaders in their chosen profession. We have all had the experience, no doubt, of walking on Post Street at twilight past John Howell Books and looking through the glass door past the long shelves of rare editions. There in the recesses of his far office, sitting behind his desk, his distinguished features accentuated by the soft glow of a parchment lamp, his white mane tousled, his half-glasses perched precariously on the tip of his aquiline nose, was Warren, at work into the twilight after a day that could begin as early as 7:15 in the morning. For more than 50 years, he was a ceaseless reader of catalogs, ever in search of that elusive antiquarian prize, that special book for a client, that opportunity for a coup on the international market.

Purity of heart, says Soren Kierkegaard, is to seek one thing. In his many, many activities, Warren Richardson Howell sought one thing: collecting as the first and enduring premise of creative humanism. "The important thing," he told the New York Times in 1979, "is to collect what pleases you." Learning and the humanistic tradition, Warren Howell believed, must begin in pleasure, or else they soon turn into arid, sterile things. Pleasure: He himself took such great pleasure in life. He loved and enjoyed books, manuscripts, libraries, travel, wine and food, clubs and companionship, learned discourse, his wife

and family and his many, many friends. He was warm, generous and robust. He was not always longsuffering, but he was never petty. He had great force of personality and clarity of purpose. He was active in his chosen profession until the very last days of his life, and he met his final ordeal with gentlemanly courage.

On January 11, at 12:20pm, word reached John Howell Books that Warren Richardson Howell was gone. It seemed impossible. There was his desk, piled high with catalogs yet to be read. The shelves of his office teemed with first editions to be offered to collectors, and in the shop itself a half dozen browsers were turning over the pages of good books. Surely, at any moment, Warren would return to this place, as he had come each morning for more than 50 years, to advance his lifetime enterprise. I cannot imagine San Francisco without him.

He was Warren Richardson Howell, and we are gathered this morning together in loving celebration of his wonderful, wonderful life. May he rest in peace. And may these lines by Alfred Lord Tennyson be read -- as his family has requested -- in his honor:

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me so far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Warren Richardson Howell has crossed the bar. We who remain on this shore have good cause to cherish his memory.

428 Monroe Street, #2
Monterey
California 93940

January 23, 1984

Manager, John Howell-Books
434 Post Street
San Francisco
California 94102

Dear Sir:

We are greatly saddened by the unexpected death of Mr. Warren Howell. He was an old family friend. We can imagine how deprived the staff at the bookshop must feel.

I was glad to read in Herb Caen's column in the San Francisco Chronicle that the store will stay in business.

This is to inform you that it will be all right for you to retain the remaining items in my consignment to John Howell-Books. There were thirteen items on the list signed on October 12,1983, by Warren R. Howell. Of these, two have been sold; the John Muir volume, and the Robert Frost Poems.

I am particularly concerned about the Marie Curie photograph inscribed to my mother, Mrs. Vernon Kellogg. If Mr. Howell had not expressed considerable interest in it, I should be inclined to have it returned. But I shall await word from you on the probability of its sale. Also, the Herbert Hoover volumes and the Frost unique Christmas poems are important.

I hope to hear from you concerning the status of my consignment.

Yours sincerely,

L. K. D.

(Mrs. James Dickie)

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January 28, 1984

J. Muir
Book - inscribed

Mrs. James Dickie
428 Monroe Street, #2
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Mrs. Dickie:

How kind of you to write on the death of Warren Howell. I am so sorry that you have lost your old friend. We at the bookshop feel that we have lost our guiding light.

We do appreciate your leaving the remainder of your consignment with us. We have just sold the portrait of Marie Curie, and a sales report and check will follow shortly. As before, we will report on sales on a monthly basis.

Because of your long standing friendship with Mr. Howell, I think you will be interested to read the eulogy delivered by Kevin Starr at the memorial service for him. Enclosed is a copy.

With kind regards from all of us at 434 Post Street,

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer S. Larson
Manager

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January 31, 1984

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1	CURIE. Photograph, inscribed.	$ 550.00
3	BINGHAM. Emily Dickinson. New York, [1954].	25.00
7	JEFFERS. The Beginning and the End. New York, 1963.	20.00
		$ 595.00
	Less: 35%	208.25
		$ 386.75

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13. FROST, Robert. Collection of 10 Christmas Cards, all first separate printings. $ 250.00

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WARREN R. HOWELL, *President*

May 2, 1984

Mrs. James Dickie
428 Monroe Street #2
Monterey, California 93940

Dear Mrs. Dickie:

The John Muir book arrived, and it is a beautiful copy! It will be a pleasure to handle it for you.

I am enclosing two copies of our consignment receipt. The original is for you to keep; please sign and return the copy to us.

With kindest regards from all of us at 434 Post Street,

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Larson

Jennifer S. Larson
for JOHN HOWELL--BOOKS

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Mrs. Warren Richardson Howell

Dear Mrs Dickie
thank you so very much for your
generous Gift of a Silver Plate
by John Muir in memory
of Warren, it means a great
deal to me. Warren and I
had such a happy and

exciting life together. I
thank God for so much

Sincerely
Antoinette Howell

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Mrs Jean Kellogg Dickie

428 Monroe Street #2

Monterey, CA. 93940

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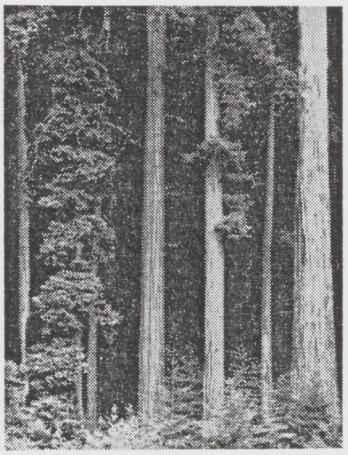

by Philip Hyde
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THE SIERRA CLUB FOUNDATION

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June 8, 1984

Mrs. Antoinette Howell
1052 Chestnut Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mrs. Howell,

On behalf of the Trustees of The Sierra Club Foundation, I have the pleasure of informing you that a most generous gift has been received by the Foundation in memory of your husband, Warren R. Howell. This most treasured gift, a silver plate engraved with the words and signature of John Muir, dated Christmas, 1910, was given by Jean Kellogg Dickie and has been placed in the special collection of The Sierra Club Colby Library.

In light of Mr. Howell's commitment to natural and historic preservation, we find this a most fitting tribute.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Stevick
Director

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